



May/June 2017

The Christiansburg Connection

Mayor's Corner: Full speed ahead with interim town manager



In April, Christiansburg Town Council officially appointed Assistant Town Manager Randy Wingfield to the interim town manager post. Council and I are confident in the leadership of Randy, who has been with the town for 19 years, including a stint as our planning director and five years as assistant town manager. In fact, I'm not sure there's anyone who knows Christiansburg better! We had a difficult month in April with the passing of Town Manager Steve Biggs, but we know we'll have a better tomorrow, in part because of the focus and direction of Steve. Randy, Council and staff are prepared to move full speed ahead with the priorities outlined in our Destination 2022 plan - the result of a two-day Council and staff retreat last fall. Stay tuned for more information, and as always, watch our website and social media sites for updates!

Events Calendar

Christiansburg Farmers' Market returns!

Thursday, May 4 from 3-7 p.m.

Hickok Street

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 13 from 7 a.m. - noon

Christiansburg Aquatic Center

Senior Care Fair

Tuesday, May 16 from 8:30 a.m. - noon

Christiansburg Recreation Center

Wine & Artisans Event

Friday, May 19 from 5-9 p.m.

Hickok Street

Cruisin' Downtown Christiansburg

Saturday, May 20 from 4-7:30 p.m.

Main Street

Mountains of Music Homecoming

Saturday, June 17 from 3-9 p.m.

Downtown Christiansburg

Movie in the Park

Friday, June 23 after sunset (8:45-9 p.m.)

Downtown Park

Swim Meets

May 19-21:

H2Oke Meet

Facility Closures

May 29, Memorial Day:

Town Hall, Aquatic Center, Rec Center closed
(Monday's garbage collected with Tuesday's pickup)

To find information about more events and programs, visit www.christiansburg.org/events

In The Know

It's heating up outside, and we can't wait to get out there and celebrate the arrival of summer! Thankfully, there's a lot going on around town to satisfy our outdoor cravings. Start the season off right on May 13 by turning your unwanted treasures into cash during the Community Yard Sale on the front lawn of the Christiansburg Aquatic Center! Interested vendors can pick up a registration form at the Aquatic Center front desk. Don't want to sell? Come out to shop - you never know what you might find.

Downtown is full of events in May and June. The Christiansburg Farmers' Market returns May 4 and will be open every Thursday through October from 3-7 p.m. on Hickok Street. Make sure to stop by and check out the new - and returning - vendors! Also on Hickok Street, our friends at Downtown Christiansburg Inc. are hosting a Wine and Artisans event on May 19. (Don't worry - there will be food trucks, too!) And you can check out more than 150 vintage cars the next day on May 20 during the Montgomery Museum's Cruisin' event! The popular Mountains of Music Homecoming is back again this year on June 17. Enjoy music on the street from a variety of performers and watch as Round the Mountain crafters demonstrate their skills.

Looking to relax? Join Downtown Christiansburg Inc. on June 23 for a movie in Downtown Park (and check out the Storywalk while you're there). We'll see you outside!

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Why should you bag it and trash it? Read on.

The health of you and your family is important.

Dog and cat waste can carry disease. Even healthy pets shed bacteria like E. coli. Plus, dog waste can contain Roundworms, Giardia and Leptospirosis - all of which can make YOU sick. Roundworms, Giardia and Leptospirosis may stay active in the soil long after the visible evidence is gone. Fresh dog waste can be less infectious than aged, so scoop daily!

The health of your pet is important.

You may not notice your dog has worms until your dog has a LOT of worms. Hookworms can survive in the soil for a week to a few months, while roundworms can survive in the soil for four years. That's a lot of time for your dog to get re-infected. Canine parvovirus is often deadly to unvaccinated puppies and can persist in the soil where waste was forgotten for at least one year.

The health of your neighborhood is important.

Dog and cat excrement left on your yard can wash into your neighbor's yard. Or into the neighborhood park. Or anywhere downhill.

The health of our streams is important.

All that waste washes into the streets, into the storm drains and ditches and then directly into our creeks. Think about how many dogs live on your block - and now visualize all that poop in the creek. Ewww!

Christiansburg's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requires that we show a reduction in bacteria transported to our streams. Bagging pet waste both on and off your property is a cost-effective way to address this requirement. Your help can reduce the cost of programs that are put in place to reduce bacteria!



Frequently Asked...

Can I pay my utility bill online?

Yes!

Simply go to our website, www.christiansburg.org, and click on the blue "Pay My Utility Bill" button. Once you're redirected, you'll see an option to "Register." After you register, you'll start receiving your bills via email, and you can choose to pay with a credit/debit card or check.

Haven't signed up for our Notify Me system? You're missing out. Not only can you receive news and event updates from the Town, but you can also get a reminder email when bills have been mailed out and when they're due. Visit our website to create your profile.

Online bill pay might not be news to you, but the Town has also rolled out a water usage monitoring tool that might be your new best friend (it's definitely ours)! The tool allows you to set limits to your water usage, monitor your account and receive alerts if a leak is detected or your usage is reaching your set limits. Signing up is easy - just email your name, service street address, account ID, preferred username, email address and preferred display name to monitorwater@christiansburg.org. You'll receive an email with instructions on how to view your account.

The more you know!

Have questions? Please call the Town of Christiansburg's Finance Department at (540) 382-9519.

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Council Meetings

Town Hall, 100 East Main Street
Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

Never miss a meeting! Sign up for notifications at www.christiansburg.org/notifyme



Have questions? Let us know!
(540) 382-6128 ext. 1150
info@christiansburg.org
www.christiansburg.org



The CAC thanks our town residents!

Coupon for one daily admission for family of four.
Valid during open swim hours.

Christiansburg Aquatic Center. 595 North Franklin Street.
Christiansburg, VA 24073. 540-381-7665.
www.cacpool.com
Expires Dec. 31, 2017

Christiansburg Aquatic Center: Enjoy this one on us!

You may have noticed the Christiansburg Aquatic Center closes to residents from time to time. That's because our facility is a sought-after location for competitive swim meets, which occur during two seasons – the winter season between February and April and the summer season from July to early August.

In order to support this popular support (plus, don't forget diving!), we've had to close our doors to residents several times since January. Here's a look at what's been going on.

The center has hosted **12 meets** since the first closure in January:

- **6 college meets**
 - 3 Virginia Tech meets
 - 2 Collegiate Conference championships (1 Div. I and 1 Div. II)
 - 1 Division I college diving championship prelim
- **5 high school meets**
 - 2 state-level meets serving the entire commonwealth
 - 1 Conference Championship serving the NRV and Southwest VA
 - 1 Regional Championship serving the NRV and Southwest VA
- **1 state of Virginia USA Swimming Age Group Championship**
- 3,375 athletes total participated in the above
- Approximately 5,577 spectators attended
- \$88,000 in competitive rental fees paid to the Aquatic Center since January
- Estimated \$1.5 million economic impact in our community

All of us here at the Aquatic Center are excited to have a sense of normalcy return to the pool - at least until July - and to see many of you back for a swim. To thank you for your patience on days we've had to close, we hope you will be able to use the coupon above to bring your family to the pool for a free, fun day in the water when your schedule allows! Remember that we maintain a calendar on our website, www.cacpool.com, so that you can plan your fun day accordingly.



Snapshot!

Town photos & events

On April 15, the Town of Christiansburg's Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Kiwanis Club, hosted the biggest Easter Egg Hunt yet! Hundreds of children searched for more than 10,000 eggs.